III. PROTECTION.

(3) Civil Justice—(*Continued*).

38. Reforms to be introduced in the administration of Civil Justice.

Mr. K. A. Krishna Pattar (Member, Trading Classes, Quilon) said that he was at one with Mr. Kochukrishna Pillai regarding the need for passing definite rules for the valuation of improvements. He also supported Mr. Ganapathi Pillai's suggestions for amending the Village Panchayat Courts Regulation.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

39. Suggestions for the better administration of Justice, Civil and Criminal, with special reference to the Shencotta Taluk.

Mr. S. Subrahmanya Karayalar B. A. (Member, Shencotta Taluk) before proceeding with his subject, spoke about the desirability of placing the taluk under a superior officer of the status of the Sub-Divisional Officer of the Tinnevelly District, as important questions had to be dealt with by the presiding officer of the taluk.

He pointed out the need for a separate Munsiff, a separate Magistrate and a separate Revenue Tahsildar for the taluk, as litigants in civil cases were put to great inconvenience owing to the Munsiff, who was also a Magistrate and a Revenue Tahsildar, being on tour often on account of his revenue duties. He also pleaded for the re-introduction of Tamil as the court language as was the case till 1085, Shencotta being a purely Tamil taluk. Further, the Magistrate-Munsiff had to come in contact with Tamil-speaking people of the adjoining British territories who did not know Malayalam in which language depositions in court were taken down. The Member also advocated the appointment of Tamil-knowing officers to the taluk.

He then referred to the difficulties of under-trial prisoners at the hands of the Police and suggested the desirability of introducing the sub-jail system with a view to place them under the control of the Magistracy.

The Member also requested that the Dewan's address to the Assembly and the annual Administration Reports be translated into Tamil and Tamil copies thereof supplied to the Members.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

40. Need for shifting the Munsiff's Court and the First Class Magistrate's Court at Perumpavoor to Alwaye.

Mr. Aiyappan Kumaran (Member, Alangad Taluk) said that his subject was an old one and, for the reasons repeatedly urged by the Members from the taluk, he requested that the Munsiff's court and the First Class Magistrate's court at Perumpavoor might be transferred to Alwaye. If that was not possible, a new Munsiff's court should be established at Alwaye.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

41. Establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Changanacherry.

Mr. Ousep Devasya (Member, Trading Classes, Changanacherry) submitted that the subject was a very old one. There were as many as 18,000 merchants in the taluk which would show what an important commercial centre Changanacherry was. At present, the people of the taluk had to file civil suits in four courts. If the Government were not for opening a new court, one of the additional courts in the State might at least be transferred to Changanacherry.

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